

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and to the general public that the Board will hold a public meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specific time. One or more members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephonic communications.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(2) and (3) the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda or to discuss and consider records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

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DATED AND POSTED this 7th day of May, 2008.

By 
DeAnna Rowe
Executive Director

ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

Monday, May 12, 2008

Regular Session
9:30 A.M.

Public Hearing for Ascending Roots Scholastic & Athletic Premise, Inc.
11:00 A.M.

Executive Tower
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Basement Room 56

ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING
REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

A COPY OF THE AGENDA BACKGROUND MATERIAL PROVIDED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER BOARD (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MATERIAL RELATING TO POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE CHARTER BOARD'S OFFICE AT 1700 W. WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 164, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007.

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A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Moment of Silence

C. Roll Call

D. Call to the Public – This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

E. Superintendent's Report – Update on current events and/or activities of the Department of Education.

F. Executive Director's Report – Introduction to the agenda items—Discussion and possible action:

1. Status of charters with previous and/or on-going board actions: 4-Winds Academy, Inc., Ascending Roots Scholastic & Athletic Premise, Inc., Bradley Academy of Excellence, Inc., Casa Blanca Middle School, Inc., CASY Country Day School, Educational Administrative Services Corporation.
2. Legislative Update
3. Database Update

G. Consent Agenda—All items on this agenda will be considered by a single motion with no discussion, unless requested otherwise by a board member (to Board staff's knowledge, the following charter schools are in compliance with their charter contract):

1. All Aboard Charter School -- Adding grade levels served
2. Apex Public Charter Academy -- Adding grade levels served
3. Arizona Academy of Leadership, Inc. -- Adding grade levels served
4. Arizona School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc. -- Reducing grade levels served
5. Charter for Excellence -- Adding grade levels served
6. E.Q. Scholars, Inc. -- Adding grade levels served
7. EDGE School Inc., The -- Change in instructional delivery
8. EDUPRIZE SCHOOLS, LLC -- Adding grade levels served
9. Esperanza Community Collegial Academy -- Change in mission
10. Excalibur Charter School, Inc. -- Change in graduation requirements
11. Excalibur Charter School, Inc. -- Change in instructional methodology
12. Gila Educational Group -- Reducing grade levels served
13. Griffin Foundation, Inc., The -- Adding grade levels served
14. Hermosa Montessori Charter School, Inc. -- Change in mission
15. Imagine Middle at East Mesa, Inc. -- Reducing grade levels served
16. Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc. -- Change in graduation requirements
17. Mission Charter School, Inc. -- Adding grade levels served
18. Pinnacle Education - Tempe, Inc. -- Adding grade levels served
19. Scottsdale Educational Enrichment Public Charter High School -- Adding grade levels served
20. TAG Elementary, Inc. -- Change in program of instruction

H. Replication Application -- Discussion and possible action on the following applications and requests for a charter

1. Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc.
2. Sonoran Science Academy-Broadway

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- I. Transfer/Assignment of Charter Contract** – Discussion and possible action on the request to transfer/assign the charter contract from one of the sites under Daisy Education Corporation to its own charter.
- J. New Charter School Applications**—Discussion and possible action on the Pima Prevention Partnership application and request for a charter.
- K. Consent Agreement for the Voluntary Surrender and Termination of the Charter Contract**– Discussion and possible action.
 - 1. Desert Technology Schools, Inc.
 - 2. Franklin Arts Academies

L. Compliance Matters – Discussion and possible action.

- 1. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that 4-Winds Academy is in breach of one or more provisions of its charter contract, federal, state, or local laws regarding their failure to comply with payroll tax requirements. If the Board determines that a breach may have occurred, the Board may take action as it deems appropriate or necessary under state law, which may include withholding of up to 10% of the monthly apportionment of state aid and requiring a corrective action plan pursuant to A.R.S. §15-185(H), and/or issuing a notice of intent to revoke the charter pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-183(I).
- 2. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that Cesar Chavez Learning Community, Inc. is in breach of one or more provisions of its charter contract, federal, state, or local laws regarding their failure to comply with the fingerprinting requirements prescribed in A.R.S. § 15-183(C) or A.R.S. § 15-512. If the Board determines that a breach may have occurred, the Board may take action as it deems appropriate or necessary under state law, which may include imposing a civil penalty of one thousand dollars per occurrence.
- 3. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that Phoenix Advantage Charter School, Inc. is in breach of one or more provisions of its charter contract, federal, state, or local laws regarding their failure to follow Classroom Site Fund Requirements as outlined in A.R.S. 15-977. If the Board determines that a breach may have occurred the Board may take action as it deems appropriate or necessary under state law A.R.S. 15-185(H) by withholding up to 10% of the monthly apportionment of state aid and requiring a corrective action plan.

M. 11:00 A.M. – Hearing on Appeal of Civil Penalties for Ascending Roots Scholastic & Athletic Premise, Inc.

N. Board Comments - Comments by Board members on administrative matters and current and upcoming events.

O. Approval of Minutes

February 27, 2008

April 14, 2008

April 30, 2008

P. Adjournment

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